



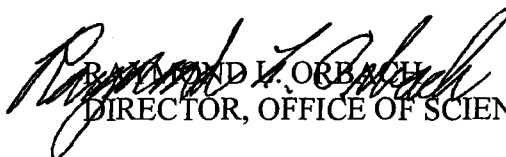
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SUBJECT: Readiness Activities Authorization Authorities

- REFERENCES:
- 1) Memorandum from C. Sell to Distribution dated December 27, 2005, *Delegations of Safety Authorities*
  - 2) DOE Order 425.1C, *Startup and Restart of Nuclear Facilities*, March 13, 2003
  - 3) DOE-STD-3006-2000, *Planning and Conduct of Operational Readiness Reviews (ORR)*, June 2000

Consistent with Reference 1 above, I have evaluated Authorization Authorities for readiness activities under Reference 2. The attached Table I shows the current authorization authorities for SC sites readiness activities. Based upon the current status of senior manager technical qualifications, I am elevating the Authorization Authority for startup and restart of nuclear facilities (Reference 2) to SC Headquarters. Authorization Authority responsibilities that currently reside with the SC Field Element Managers per Reference 2 and Table 1 of Reference 3 will be performed by the SC Chief Operating Officer (COO), SC-3. The exception is the Oak Ridge Office which will retain Authorization Authorities as described in References 2 and 3. The Oak Ridge Office has demonstrated by personnel technical competencies and performance on the High Flux Isotope Reactor Operational Readiness Review that authorization authority should be retained and continued. All Site Office Managers will still be expected to perform their responsibilities as described in References 2 and 3 regarding Startup Notification Reports and line management responsibilities.

I expect those Site Offices which no longer have Authorization Authority for readiness activities under DOE Order 425.1C to review, provide recommendations and submit the



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appropriate documentation including submittals to SC-3 for approval. We will work with your organizations to ensure timely reviews. The SC COO may subsequently delegate the Authorization Authority for readiness assessments and operations outside of the safety basis that correspond to the Approval Authority to Site Office managers dependent upon the qualifications and expertise described in the Reference 1 as appropriate.

I am also delegating the Secretarial Officer responsibilities associated with Authorization Authority that may be delegated as described in Reference 2 and Table 1 of Reference 3 for SC facilities to SC-3. These Authorization Authorities responsibilities specifically are: new Hazard Category 3 startups, Hazard Category 2 extended shutdowns re-starts, Hazard Category 2 significant facility modifications re-starts and re-starts of operations that were outside the safety basis that had been approved by SC Headquarters.

To aid in understanding these changes in authorities, the Attachment contains a second table with the revised authorities. The shaded areas of Table 2 were revised per this memorandum. These changes are in effect the date of this memorandum.

Please contact myself or Carol Sohn of my staff at (509) 375-2320 if you have any questions regarding this information.

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